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CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Association shall be called the State Educational Association of North Carolina.

ART. II. The objects of this Association shall be, to promote the mutual improvement of its members, and to advance the educational and literary interests of the State.

ART. III. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, six vice Presidents, a corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, to be elected at the regular annual meeting and to serve for one year, or until their successors be chosen.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the President to preside and preserve order at the meetings of the Association. But in the absence or inability of the President, one of the vice Presidents shall perform his duties.

ART. V. The corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association. He shall also act as Treasurer, and discharge all such duties as may be devolved on him by law.

ART. VI. The recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the Constitution, By Laws, and proceeding of the Association; he shall preserve such papers as may be committed to his care, and he shall superintend the publication of such documents as the Association may designate.

ART. VII. The Superintendent of Common Schools in North Carolina and the Secretaries of the Association shall be an Executive Committee, to execute the orders and attend to the general interests of the Association during the intervals between meetings.

ART. VIII. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as the Executive Committee may select. But the President, upon the requisition of the Executive Committee, shall call special meetings, at such times and places as said committee may determine; and no business shall be transacted at such meetings but that for which they are specially called.

ART. IX. Twelve members from four different counties shall be a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the Association,

ART. X. Any resident of North Carolina may be elected a member of the Association by a majority of the members; but the name

of each applicant must first be proposed, accompanied by a statement of his county, post office and pursuit; and the name of no person shall be enrolled as a member, until he shall have paid one dollar into the treasury of the Association.

ART. XI. Each member shall be required to pay one dollar annually into the treasury of the Association.

ART. XII. Any person, by the payment of twenty dollars, may become a member of the Association for life, and, without the payment of annual fees, shall enjoy all the privileges of membership and also receive regularly a copy of the N. C. Journal of Education.

ART. XIII. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer except by order of the Executive Committee.

ART. XIV. At the commencement of each annual meeting the President shall deliver an address on such subject, or subjects, as he may think important for the Association to consider.

ART. XV. No article of this constitution shall be altered except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

I. There shall be six Standing committees appointed, by the President, at each annual meeting of the Association. These committees shall consist of five members each, except the last which shall consist of three, and shall be called: 1. Committee on Common Schools; 2. Committee on Journal of Education; 3. Committee on Essays and Lectures; 4. Committee on Educational Statistics; 5. Committee on Military Schools; 6. Auditing Committee.

II. It shall be the duty of these Committees, in addition to any special business from time to time committed to them, to make to each meeting of the Association such reports, suggestions and recommendations, on the subjects in regard to which they are appointed, as they shall deem important.

III. The committee on Essays and Lectures shall, each year, select not more than three persons to deliver Essays before the Association, and, if the subjects for the Essays are not determined by the Association, the committee may select them.

IV. The Association, at each meeting, shall select a subject for discussion and decision at the next annual meeting, and shall ap-

point a committee, of not less than three nor more than five, to bring it before the meeting by report or reports.

V. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll and reading the minutes of the preceeding meeting.
2. Admission of members.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Motions and Resolutions.
5. Special orders.
6. Unfinished business: and it shall require a vote of two thirds of the members present, when objection is made, to take up any business out of its regular order.

VI. Any member may call for the ayes and noes to be recorded, on any pending question.

VII. The session of the Association, for each day, shall be opened and closed with prayer.

VIII. The original mover of any resolution, that shall have passed the house, shall reduce the same to writing and hand it to the Secretary.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a regular account with each member of the Association: and to submit his report, with books and vouchers, to the Auditing Committee for examination, before each annual meeting.

X. The Treasurer shall place in the hands of the Recording Secretary his bond, with approved security, in the sum of one thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of his official duties.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STATE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF N. C.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the State Educational Association of North Carolina, as organized by a voluntary society in the town of Salisbury, on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1856, and whose organization was further perfected at the annual meeting held in Warrenton on the first day of July, 1857, in Statesville on the 7th day of July, 1858, in Newbern on the 14th day of June, 1859, and in Wilmington on November 13, 1860, shall be and the same is hereby incorporated under the name and style of "The State Educational Association of North Carolina," and may have and use a common seal, sue and be sued, and take, hold and convey real and personal property of the value of twenty thousand dollars, and no more, for the purposes hereinafter specified.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said society may adopt for its government a constitution and by-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States, and shall, according to the provisions of these, annually elect a president, six vice presidents, a recording secretary and a corresponding secretary and treasurer in one, all of whom shall hold their office, until their successors are appointed, and the said society shall have a permanent executive committee of three, consisting of the superintendent of common schools and the recording and corresponding secretaries, and whose powers and duties shall be prescribed in the constitution and by-laws of the society.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the State Educational Association of North Carolina to hold an annual meeting at such place and time as the executive committee, or others authorized by the constitution and by-laws so to do, shall direct; at which meeting some questions connected with the cause of education shall be discussed and decided, and at which shall be delivered addresses and essays intended to promote the progress of useful learning in the State, and to diffuse information among the people; and the proceedings of these meetings, and such essays as the association may deem proper, shall be published in pamphlet form, one copy of which shall be sent to the executive library, and one to the library of the State in Raleigh; one to each of the colleges, male and female, in the State; one to the chairman of each board of county superin-

tendents of common schools, to be filed in his office, and one to each committee of examination.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Association shall have at least two standing committees, one to be called "The Committee on Common Schools," and one "The Committee on Statistics," which committees shall, from time to time, make reports to the association on the subjects on which they are appointed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the superintendent of common schools for the State, to notify the chairmen of the boards of superintendents of common schools and the examining committees, and the president and directors of the literary fund, at least fifteen days in advance of the time and place of each annual meeting of the association, to make an annual address before it setting forth the condition, wants and prospects of the common school system, to aid in directing its deliberations and action to useful purposes connected with the cause of general education, and to exert himself to prevent any sectional, sectarian or political bias in its proceedings;

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That said association shall have published under its auspices a monthly periodical to be called "The North Carolina Journal of Education," to be conducted by such persons, and on such terms as it or its authorized committees may see fit; and the first named of the board of editors shall be the superintendent of common schools for the State, who shall publish in said journal such of his official decisions as he may deem of general interest; his annual letters of instructions to committees of examination—extracts from his annual report to the Governor—such suggestions as he may deem important, with explanations of the duties of his subordinate officers; and once in every two years, a digest with index and notes of all the laws in force in regard to common schools.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the president and directors of the literary fund to pay said association, through its executive committee, the sum of six hundred dollars per annum for four years, beginning with the year 1859, and ending with the year 1862; *Provided*, Such appropriation can be made from the literary fund without diminishing the usual distribution for common school purposes, or injuriously interfering with the usual operations of the literary board, or of the common school system; *And provided, also*, That the books, accounts and operations of the association are open to the inspection of the Governor of the State; And this charter may be declared null and void whenever by the proper legal

process, in the authorized tribunal, it shall be proved to have become a political, sectional or sectarian society, or to be engaged as a society in propagating doctrines inconsistent with the peace and safety of the State.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors of the literary fund shall annually appropriate to said society one hundred dollars, to be paid under the direction of the executive committee, in premiums of not more than thirty dollars, nor less than fifteen each, to common school teachers for essays on such subjects as the association or its authorized committee shall select.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. [Ratified the 23rd day of February, 1861.

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